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Weekly Report

A Highlight of Departmental Activities

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The Airport sold 471 gallons of 100-LL fuel and 402 gallons of Jet A. Pre-paid customer fuel sales totaled 1550 gallons. Cash sales totaled \$559.60 and \$600 was received for hanger rent.

[Board of Elections](#)

Three candidates have filed through Wednesday, June 11th, for School Board and filing will continue until July 7th at Noon for both School Board and Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor. Staff keep an updated list of those who have filed at: <http://rutherfordcountync.gov/Departments/boardofelections/candidates> The office has completed logic and accuracy testing of the election equipment and uploaded the results to the State Board.

[Building Inspections](#)

The Building Inspections Department issued 106 permits over 2 weeks totaling \$14,924 in fees. Inspectors have also conducted 329 inspections including several commercial finals. One of those is the new Dollar general on 221 North. Staff also permitted the renovations for the relocation of Ameri-Dial and the Director has been in discussion with Polk County Building Inspections about providing assistance on some inspections through an inter-local agreement. The Director has also continued working with Danny Searcy about the potential relocation project.

Don't skip this week's Special Announcements.

There is a lot to look forward to and be proud of!

Clerk to the Board

Commissioners attended a dedication of the Sergeant Owen Messersmith and Captain Roy Huskey Bridges held at Cool Springs Administrative Offices. Sergeant Messersmith and Captain Huskey who were employed by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department gave their lives in the line of duty on May 31, 1979. The North Carolina Department of Transportation and Rutherford County Commissioners worked jointly to pay tribute to these men by naming the bridges in their honor.

On Tuesday Chairman Eckler met with North Carolina Department of Transportation and County Officials regarding transportation in Rutherford County.

On Wednesday the Commissioners helped Rutherford Regional Health System (RRHS) celebrate their joint venture with Duke LifePoint Healthcare which has been finalized.

The Public Information Clerk completed five requests for public record/information requests; finalized all proofs for the new signage for the Solid Waste Department and the blossoming textile recycling program; released three e-media pieces; conferred with Rutherford County Schools on ways to maximize media messages; assisted with other various administrative tasks.

Cooperative Extension

The Cooperative Extension Office 4-H Youth Development staff had four new TRY (Teen Reaching Youth) members complete their training to teach 4-H Health Rocks to younger youth. They are planning to teach it in afterschool programs in the fall. Staff also planned and organized a 4-H Barbecue lunch fundraiser and raised over \$1,600 to support the county 4-H program.

Enrollment is open for 4-H Summer Fun workshops. Workshop topics range from cooking to science, agriculture, and nature.

The 4-H Teen Club met on Monday, June 2 in Rutherfordton. They toured the historical exhibit in the County office building and attended the Commissioners meeting. Brooklyn Breedlove was recognized to speak on behalf of 4-H. She will be attending the NC Youth Summit conference, to be held in conjunction with the NC County Commissioners Association meeting.

County Manager

The County Manager continued work through the week with the Finance Director on the FY2014-15 budget. He attended the bridge dedication for Sergeant Messersmith and Captain Huskey, who gave their lives in the line of duty on May 31, 1979. Weekly update meetings were held with department heads for EDC, Solid Waste, Planning and the County Attorney. He attended the Senior Center's Ice Cream Shop event and had individual meetings with the Commissioners. The County Manager met with the Board of Trustees for ICC, IPDC Board and NCDOT officials. His busy week also included a land classification meeting, the Duke LifePoint celebration and the monthly meeting of the County's Town Managers. The monthly County Managers meeting in Asheville was cancelled, allowing him to dedicate Friday to administrative and budgetary matters.

Economic Development

The Economic Development Executive Director worked with staff to formalize a response for an industrial recruitment opportunity; met with EDC Project Administrator, Isothermal Community College Faculty, and Region C Workforce Development Board staff to discuss the enhancement of the local workforce as a recruitment and retention tool; met with the County Manager and Director of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the enhancement of economic development activities; provided a weekly economic development update for the County Manager; continued efforts to enhance product development opportunities; participated in a meeting with County official and NCDOT representatives to discuss strategic transportation corridors in Rutherford County; submitted available buildings for consideration by an industrial prospect; distributed letters of support for the enhancement of US 74 to interstate status with a request for participating counties to sign and forward these letters to NCDOT leaders; and attended an event at Rutherford Hospital to officially recognize the new partnership with Duke Life Point Hospitals.

The Project Administrator scheduled and participated in meeting at ICC to discuss an existing industry need; followed up with an existing industry to hear comments and answer questions on hypothetical incentive/assistance packages; reached out to existing industry to provide response to request from Planning Department; worked with Airport Director to assemble list of contacts for fiber/power needs survey; followed up on Airport fiber meeting with an existing industry; networked with existing industry via visits, phone calls and email; worked on compilation of Business and Industry Resource Guide and updates to introductory materials; connected Workforce Development team to an existing industry contact for introduction of support programs; and attended Community Connection Team wrap-up meeting at ICC.

The Economic Development Assistant assisted in collecting information in response to an industrial recruitment opportunity; contacted the EDC Chair to discuss the agenda for the upcoming board meeting; prepared meeting schedules for FY14-15 to be discuss at the upcoming board meeting; attended the School of Government Economics Essentials course; completed some marketing research along the Highway 74 corridor; and sent out the public notice, previous minutes and upcoming agenda for the EDC Board meeting.

Finance

The Finance Director continues to work closely with the County Manager for the upcoming budget workshop. The Deputy Director attended NC Housing Finance's Urgent Repair Grant workshop in Raleigh on Tuesday with Rutherford Housing Partnership's Director Nell Bovender. Finance Director, Deputy Director and Accountant along with Revenue and Information Technology staff participated in a training webinar with NCPTS regarding the daily interface process. Payroll and accounts payable have been processed.

Fire Marshal/Emergency Management

The Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director participated in the NC Emergency Management conference planning meeting, met with EMS official regarding response plan, attended an EMS Quality Management meeting, worked on radio project assigning ID's and developing programming for 800MHz radios, attended a walkthrough of the Horsehead facility along with member of the hazardous materials team, responded on a missing person search, assisted Chimney Rock Volunteer with some projects and prepared annual contracts for all the fire departments

Human Resources

The HR Director held meetings to discuss personnel issues, exit interviews, and retirements. Employees who have left the service of Rutherford County are Carolyn Kelly (Transit), James Johnson (Transit) and Donna Carver (Transit). Welcome new hire Jacob Wells (TDA), and Lisa Hass (Detention). The Director attended meetings with several employees, held a phone conference with the Retirement System, met with Kerry Giles, met with Danny Searcy and attended the Ice Cream Social at the Senior Center. The County Office Building participated in the 4H fund raiser and enjoyed a great bbq lunch. A representative from CFNC (College Foundation of NC) presented a college savings plan to employees on June 12. Current job openings posted are Nutrition Site Manager (part time) and Tax Certification Specialist. View county website to apply. A Wellness Fair is being planned for July 29 with a lot of helpful information being presented. More information will be sent out closer to date.

Don't forget Owls night for County employees is June 20, 2014.
Call Christina at 828-245-0000 for ticket information.



Rutherford County Services Employee Night

FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2014

Gates Open at 6:30pm

Game starts at 7:30pm

The Forest City Owls are hosting a Rutherford County Services Employee Night for all county employees to come out with their families to enjoy a night out with the Owls. Each county employee can take advantage of our group rate of \$5 per person for our June 20th game. The \$5 ticket is for our premium reserved seat that is located under our awning and with large fans to keep cool. County employees can purchase their tickets online, email Christina@forestcitybaseball.com, or call Christina at 828-245-0000.

To purchase online go to: <https://cplbaseball.wufoo.com/forms/rutherford-county-employee-night/>

Information Technology



Information Technology had 89 orders close this week. Staff met with the TDA and Sturgis to talk about on-line hotel occupancy registration and had a meeting with the Sheriff and Sturgis about on-line inmates display. Maintenance finished installing the electric screen in the Revenue training room and it looks great. The next step is installing the projector. There are 6 computers in each room (Rutherford Center & Revenue Department). Call IT for your training needs. Staff have ordered 6 new desktops to update the Senior Center computer lab and have ordered 8 new laptops for Board of Elections to use in the polling places on Election days. It received a couple of data records requests for emails and received a subpoena for a copy of the video from election night during the returns presentation.

Library

From the County Library: Kenneth, Stephanie, and April had a meeting with the Polk County Public Library director to discuss the transport of materials between locations. The Rutherford and Polk county libraries are working together to try and reduce the length of time patrons have to wait when requesting items from other locations.

From Miss Jeannie: The Children's Librarian started the week by doing "The Talk of the Town" radio show for WGMA, then went back several days later to produce 6 Public Service Announcements to be run during the summer. She also held a meeting to brief the rest of the staff on plans for the Summer Reading Program, and finished the last of the preparations. On Tuesday, June 17, the Program kicks off with Vicky Town—nationally-known comedic storyteller and "Parents' Choice Award" winner. She will be doing shows at Haynes Branch Library at 9:30 a.m., Rutherford County Library at 12:30 p.m., and Mountains Branch Library at 3:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., Ms. Town will lead a Comedy Improv Workshop at the County Library for ages 10-18. Registration for the Summer Reading Club will open on June 17, and will run through July 22.

From the Haynes Branch: Staff proctored a student on Monday for Independent Education, participated in a webinar on employment resources and distributed fliers to local schools for summer reading.

From the Mountains Branch: The Mountains Branch Librarian met with County Library personnel and the director of the Polk County Library to iron out transit issues among libraries sharing materials. She also attended a cataloguing workshop conducted by Kenneth Odom at the County Library and wrote an article for the new July edition of the *Breeze* newspaper.



2014 Rutherford County Libraries Summer Reading Program

**Free Programs for ages 2-12
each Tuesday (except July 4 week)**

- 9:30 am Haynes Branch Library (141 N. Main St.,
Henrietta 288-4039)
12:30 pm Rutherford County Library (255 Callahan-
Koon Rd, Spindale 287-6115)
3:30 pm Mountains Branch Library (150 Bill's
Creek Road, Lake Lure 287-6392)

- June 17 Vicky Town—Nationally-known Comedic Storyteller and “Parents’
Choice” Award Winner (www.vickytown.com)
* also at 7:00 p.m.—Teens’ Comedy Improv Workshop at Rutherford
County Library
- June 24 Steve Brogan—Ventriloquist (www.stevebrogan.com)
- July 1 No Program
- July 8 Noah’s Landing Traveling Zoo with numerous exotic animals
(www.noahslanding2x2.com)
- July 15 Zelnik the Magician (www.zelnikthemagician.com)
* also at 7:00 p.m.—“Tales From Beyond” Magic Show for Teens at
Rutherford County Library
- July 22 Mad Science Stage Show (www.madscience.org)
- July 29 Summer Reading Celebration Party with program by Miss Jeannie

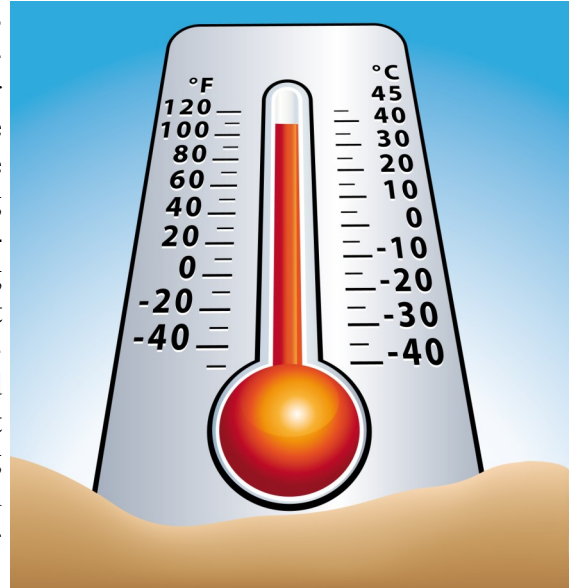
Summer Reading Club

Reading is vital to the Summer Reading Program. Set your own goals. Get a Contract and Reading Record at the library and return by July 22. Read at or above your level and to preschoolers. Write titles completed on the Record. Certificates and prizes to be awarded at the final program July 29.



Public Works and Planning

The heat is on and so is the press of A/C calls. Maintenance has had a difficult and hot week with 35 work order repairs. They continue to work on chiller and plumbing issues at the detention center along with a difficult week of courthouse maintenance issues. The garage has been very busy with multiple preventative maintenance service calls, repairs, tire service calls and many inspections along with several very involved time-consuming repair/rebuilds. Planning and Projects has had to deal with several setbacks regarding concerns with the violations in Queens Gap and demolition woes at the Biggerstaff property. However, they had a very positive meeting with NCDOT and shared the draft of the Land class study and obtained their input toward the final draft. The Community project grants are moving forward very well with more than half being completed now. Planning has followed up on the first solar farm permit along with conducting multiple site inspections in preparation for the planning board meeting next week.



Register of Deeds

The Register of Deeds Department made 38 copies resulting in cash receipts of \$47.00, processed 224 real estate records with \$13,038 received in cash, and processed 251 vitals, receiving \$3,210. A total of 513 transactions were made with a total of \$16,295 in cash received.

Revenue

The Revenue Department answered 657 phone calls, and assisted 254 citizens who came in to the office (3 being PUV). 54 deeds were recorded and 46 were transferred. 7 estates were transferred and 13 new accounts were set up. Mapping completed 1 split, 1 acreage adjustment and created 26 new maps. 4 new E911 addressees were assigned. Ownership of 53 addressees was updated. Appraisers completed 299 field reviews and 92 permits. Electronic payments consisted of 28 by credit/debit, 33 by website and 1 by phone. 157 citizens came in to pay at the counter. Enforced collection action consisted of 59 garnishments, 10 attachments, 10 intent letters, 17 newspaper issues, 3 employer lists, 9 debt setoff and 8 payment plans. 23 deeds were certified. Staff worked 5 plat reviews, 1 data request, 71 bankruptcy payments/issues, 12 over payments, 50 VTS issues, 5 discoveries, 9 releases, and 2 refunds. 251 pieces of mail were received and processed. Staff are still working September Motor Vehicle renewals.

Senior Center



The Senior Center hosted the monthly blood pressure clinic on Monday. Representatives from Carolina Home Care conducted the Senior Center's monthly blood pressure checks. 64 clients took advantage of this service. The Center keeps blood pressure history cards on file and referrals are made when necessary. On Tuesday, the seniors enjoyed the Ice Cream Shop. Jan McGuinn, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Cooperative Extension, presented a program on Wednesday about "Perennial Gardening". On Thursday, some seniors went on a trip to Hamrick's for a fun day of shopping. We also hosted the AARP Smart Driver Class for drivers 55 and older. This course is designed to raise awareness and sharpen safety skills to help older drivers stay safe on the roads as long as possible. On Thursday evening, several seniors that participated in the new Square Dance class. The Square Dance class will be on Thursdays at 6:00 during the month of June. Anyone 55 and older can participate. Lastly, on Friday the Senior Shiners traveled to Willow Ridge to entertain the residents.

Social Services

The Department of Social Services Income Maintenance staff continues to plan for the further implementation of Medicaid in the NC FAST System. NC FAST and Policy training was held this week conducted by the Medicaid Supervisors. On Monday, Adult Services staff held a meeting with representatives from Smokey Mountain Center to discuss service plans and strategies. On Wednesday, staff attended the weekly NC FAST Conference Call. The Director attended meetings in Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday, including the Children's Services and Adult Services Committee meetings and the statewide Director's meeting. On Tuesday, the second Community Care Review Team meeting was held at DSS. This is a group formed from the Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Prevention Team, in addition to other professionals and agencies. The purpose of the team is to review critical high risk Children's Services cases and identify gaps and develop plans for needed services. This team not only reviews DSS cases, but other agencies can bring cases for review, including mental health agencies, the schools, and Juvenile Justice. Social workers and supervisors met with the DSS attorney in preparation for court on Wednesday.

*To all of the dads, we hope you
had a wonderful and very*

*Happy
Father's
Day*

Soil and Water

The Soil and Water Department's Admin/Education Specialist worked with the watershed contractor on maintenance requests and questions and worked on scheduling and questions with the No-Till grass Drill. Staff worked on interim reports for the Outdoor Environmental Learning Center grants. The Ag Cost Share Technician met with Landowners for technical assistance, worked on a Construction Inspection, fielded questions about watershed dam maintenance, and went on field training with NRCS.

Solid Waste

The landfill served 348 customers, hauled 53 loads from convenience centers, sent 32 loads to Lenoir and sent out three recycling trailers. The landfill also sent out two tire trailers this week. The director has been busy continuing to work with the Public Information Clerk on signs and the textile recycling. Staff are working on bin designs with the company now however we will be sending out our first clothing shipment from the landfill this week. The director continues to monitor the working budget with Raeann. The shop employees have been busy this week with oil changes and conducting preventative maintenance. The rest of the staff continues to perform everyday job duties despite the heat. Staff continues to make improvements at convenience centers consisting of trimming limbs off of fences and road entrances.

The solid waste code enforcement officer report is as follows:

- Active cases 11
- Convenience center cases 2
- Pictures taken yes
- Letters sent 0
- Citations written 0
- Closed cases 2
- Community service 5
- Community service reports 1

Please continue to recycle and stay tuned for details on the new textile recycling program.



Tourism Development Authority

The TDA held a staff meeting focusing on workflow and organizational structure, shot training videos, and met with stakeholders from Chimney Rock State Park and Cleghorn Plantation. Staff also began to prep materials for the county's airport information package.

Transportation Services

EMS: This week EMS Personnel responded to 182 emergency calls and 42 convalescent calls. Administrative staff attended the quarterly peer review committee meeting with all system providers and attended the Rutherford Regional/Duke Lifepoint announcement.

EMS is also working on a campaign to promote being a paramedic as a career choice with young people. There are three levels of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Rutherford County EMS provides paramedic level coverage for all 911 Emergency calls:

- **EMT-Basic:** Completes 169 hours of course work and administers oxygen, wound care, splinting, CPR, automated external defibrillator (AED) and basic airway management.
- **EMT-Intermediate:** Completes 256 hours of course work and administers the same procedures as a Basic, but also performs Advanced Airway Management, starts IV'S, and administers a limited amount of medications.
- **EMT- Paramedic:** Completes 1096 hours of course work (AA degree) and administers the same procedures as a Basic and Intermediate, but also performs Manual Defibrillation, Advanced Airway Management: endotracheal Intubation, Nasotracheal Intubation, Surgical cricothyrotomy, starts IV'S and administer a wide variety of medications. Paramedics must maintain State certification and be certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Pediatric Life Support, Advanced Medical Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support, Advance Geriatric Management and Advanced Stroke Management. Because paramedics administer life-saving drugs in the field, it is also required to be proficient in math in order to calculate drug mixtures quickly.

Transit: Transit drove 9,965 miles, completed 1,281 local trips and 60 out of county trips, transported 259 unduplicated passengers and collected \$14,998 in revenue. Transit has begun offering FREE transportation on Tuesday mornings to the Farmers Market for any citizen that is interested. Citizen just need to call 287-6142 to make an appointment. Administration completed reimbursements to NCDOT for over \$29,000 for the past three months.

Veteran Services

The Veterans Services Office had 82 mail-ins, 109 mail-outs, 240 telephone contacts, and 475 veteran contacts. Staff attended two service organization meetings this week and are working on some upcoming projects.



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Rutherford County 4-H Summer Fun 2014

4-H Summer Fun is a collection of educational workshops, tours, and hands-on activities planned especially for Rutherford County youth. This special program is designed to give youth positive learning opportunities and focus on developing life skills. Summer Fun is made possible by dedicated 4-H volunteers and Rutherford County Cooperative Extension Service staff. 4-H invites all children to participate in the Fun.

Cynthia Robbins
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Registration

4-H is a non-formal youth development organization and is open to all youth, Age 5-18 in Rutherford County. All fees are for educational supplies, admission fees, limited insurance, refreshments, and transportation. Limited insurance will be provided for all participants. A completed Registration form and Medical Release form is required for each child. **The Medical Release forms must be notarized.** All forms are due at the time of registration.

If your child has any special needs, contact the 4-H Agent at least 2 weeks prior to the class or prior to registration. Every effort will be made to accommodate special needs if adequate notification is given. Any additional costs incurred, such as admission fees, will need to be paid by the parent or guardian. If a child does not weigh 80 lbs. or is less than 8 years of age, the parent is responsible for supplying a safety seat for field trips.

Registration is now open. You may register during regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration will only be taken in person only. No registration will be accepted by telephone. Payment is due at the time of registration. Register only one child per form. Additional forms are available at the Extension Office.

Activities are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Refunds will only be made if choice of class is canceled.

All 4-H activities operate under the 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure
http://www.nc4h.org/procedures_and_guidelines/index.html.

Questions

For more information about 4-H Summer Fun or the 4-H Program in Rutherford County, call 287-6011, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



4-H Summer Fun



All workshops will begin and end at the Cooperative Extension Center located at
193 Callahan-Koon Road in Spindale.

Creepy Crawlies - Monday, June 16, 9:00 am – 3 pm

Let's explore the world of bugs and worms. We will learn about insects' pollination and life cycles, and go on a Bug Hunt. We will even make our own vermicomposting (worm) bin to help break down your compost at home.

Ages: 9-12

Cost: \$9

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink.



Strawberry Hill U.S.A. – Wednesday, June 18, 9:00 am – 2 pm

We will travel to Strawberry Hill U.S.A. to learn about agriculture. We will go on a hayride and learn how strawberries, blackberries, and peaches are grown. After our picnic lunch, we will get to enjoy their famous ice cream! We will even get to bring a sample of fruit home with us!

Ages: 5-9

Cost: \$9

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink. Wear sunscreen and closed toe shoes.

Clay Creations – Thursdays, June 19 & 26, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

We will visit Good Earth Pottery Studio in Forest City. Everyone will make a keepsake box with lid to keep. We will focus on slab construction, carving, and glazing.

Ages 12 & up

Cost: \$16



Fun with Scarves - Thursday, June 26, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Scarves are the rage now. Learn to make the fluffy ruffled scarves in only a few hours. 4-H member Dixie Lovelace will teach you how to crochet the sashay yarn into a beautiful, fashionable scarf to wear.

Ages: 10 and up

Cost: \$6

Healthy Helpers – Tuesday, July 1, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Learn basic cooking and food safety skills for younger kids. We will make healthy snacks, play games, and learn how to help in the kitchen.

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$8

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink.

Mind Your P's & Q's - Wednesday, July 2, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Good manners, and etiquette and charm stay with you for a lifetime. Watching your P's & Q's can be fun. Boys and girls with good manners are more likely to have more friends and opportunities. We will practice phone etiquette, table setting, table etiquette, writing thank you notes, enjoy a three-course meal, make crafts, and more!

Ages: 10-13

Cost: \$12

What to bring: Wear business casual attire.



4-H STEM – Thursday, July 3, 9:00 am – 3 pm

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in 4-H. We will take a look at electricity, aerospace, agriscience, and more.

Ages: 10-13

Cost: \$10

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink.

Duct Tape Art - Wednesday, July 9, 1:00-4:00 pm

Have you ever wondered how they make those cool contraptions out of duct tape? Joah Bickley, 4-H member, has mastered all sorts of duct tape creations and is willing to share her secrets! We will make flowers, bows, and a wallet, all out of your favorite duct tape pattern.

Ages: 9-14

Cost: \$4

What to bring: 2 full rolls of your favorite duct tape. Coordinating colors will look best.



Around the World - Thursday, July 10, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Test your global knowledge and explore customs, crafts, and foods from various cultures. We will play games, make snacks, and more.

Ages: 10-16

Cost: \$7

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink.

Kids & Chefs - Monday-Friday, July 14-18, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

This hands-on day camp is taught by local chefs and Cooperative Extension staff with a focus on agriculture and nutrition. Each day of camp features a farm tour, cooking, games, and crafts. Participants will learn about farm production, market sales, food selection, cooking techniques, etiquette, and safe food handling. All supplies will be provided. Bring a bag lunch on Monday only. Lunch and snacks will be provided Tuesday through Friday.

Age: 10-13

Cost: \$50

What to bring: Bag lunch and drink on Monday only. Wear closed toed shoes each day.



Let it Grow – Wednesday, July 23, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

We will go on a scavenger hunt in the garden. We will make crafts from the garden, visit some farms, and learn where our food and fiber comes from.

Ages: 7-10

Cost: \$6

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink.

Bug & Bees – Thursday, August 7, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

Come learn about honeybees and other insects. We will have a honeybee keeper show us how a colony works together. We will play insect games, study life cycles, and more!

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$6

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink.

Trees & Trails - Monday, August 11, 9:00 – 3:00 pm

We will travel to South Mountain State Park where we will go on a tree I.D. hike. We will explore the atmosphere that surrounds us: the soil, the animals, and all the various plants. You will also make your own biome to take home.

Ages: 9-12

Cost: \$8

What to bring: Bagged lunch and drink. Wear closed-toe shoes.



4-H Summer Fun Registration Form

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Race _____

Date of Birth _____ Weight (8 years or younger) _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Daytime Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Numbers _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

	Activity	Date	Cost
_____	"Creepy Crawlies"	June 16	\$9
_____	Strawberry Hill U.S.A.	June 18	\$9
_____	Clay Creations	June 19 & 26	\$16
_____	Fun with Scarves	June 26	\$6
_____	Healthy Helpers	July 1	\$8
_____	Mind Your P's & Q's	July 2	\$12
_____	4-H STEM	July 3	\$10
_____	Duct Tape Art	July 9	\$4
_____	Around the World	July 10	\$7
_____	Kids & Chefs	July 14-18	\$50
_____	Let it Grow	July 23	\$6
_____	Bugs & Bees	August 7	\$6
_____	Trees & Trails	August 11	\$8

Total \$ _____

Checks should not be made for an exact amount until registration is completed.

Please make check payable to **Cooperative Extension**.

A parent of guardian should sign the statements below concerning the youth's participation in 4-H programs.

1. _____ The enrolling youth is bound by the NC 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure for 4-H events and activities. The youth and parent should be familiar with terms and conditions and agree to them before participating. By enrolling my child, both he/she and I agree to these terms and conditions.

2. _____ I agree to allow 4-H to take photographs /audio/video of my child for use in 4-H and other N.C. Cooperative Extension educational, promotional, and/or marketing materials. Neither individual addresses or telephone numbers will be published within these materials.

**Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Cynthia Robbins, Extension Agent, at 287-6190 or (e-mail) cynthia_robbins@ncsu.edu or (fax) 288-4036, or in person at the County Extension Office at least (10) days prior to the event.

**North Carolina State University
INFORMED CONSENT FOR 4-H RESEARCH--PARENT AND YOUTH**

YOUR INVITATION TO PARTNER WITH 4-H ON RESEARCH "TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

As a 4-H member, a child or youth can be part of ongoing research on the benefits of youth programs. 4-H is required to report short- and long-term outcomes of youth programs as part of its accountability to federal, state, and local funding agencies. In addition, feedback from youth and the adults also helps 4-H leaders improve programs and create new learning opportunities. With the consent of both you and your child, your child will complete one or more assessments related to his/her learning in a 4-H program and his/her evaluation of the 4-H program. Evaluation activities will always be conducted within the guidelines of the NC 4-H Code of Ethics and North Carolina State University Human Subjects Research guidelines.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Projects and Procedures. 4-H evaluation activities may use questionnaires, tests, checklists, journals, observations, audio or videotaping, judging of written or oral performances, interviews, and focus groups. Typically, assessments are given before and after a learning event or extended program by trained adult leaders. Your child may also be randomly selected to participate in discussion groups, case studies, or extended interviews designed to give 4-H leaders more in-depth understanding of specific programs. As appropriate, parents, youth leaders, and teachers will be asked to make observations about a child's interaction and achievement in 4-H activities. We make every effort to avoid a "testing" environment. Our goal in 4-H is that evaluation strengthens relationships, promotes learning, and helps 4-H volunteers and professionals build better programs for your youth.

Risks and Benefits. Participation is voluntary. If either you or your child decline to provide consent to participate in any of the above activities (as indicated by not signing this form), such a decision will in no way affect your child's ability to register for and participate in the program. Also, youth may quit an assessment at any time and this will not affect their participation in current or future 4-H activities. Participating in evaluation often helps youth reflect on learning and contribute to improving 4-H programs for themselves and others. There is no known risk in participating in 4-H evaluation activities.

Confidentiality. Research data will be kept strictly confidential and maintained in a secure location. Youth names may be requested on assessments that involve comparisons (e.g., knowledge before and after events, child and parent attitudes). Once data is recorded, names will be removed, replaced by a 4-H ID number (not the Social Security or Drivers License number), and retained only on a master list. Written or oral evaluation reports will not include names or information that might identify specific participants.

Compensation. No compensation is provided for your participation in this discussion group.

CONTACT: If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact Dr. Ben Silliman at 512 Brickhaven Road, NCSU or (919) 515-8485. If you or your child feels he/she have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or his/her rights as a participant in research have been violated during the course of this project, you may contact Dr. David Kaber, Chair of the NCSU IRB for the Use of Human Subjects in Research Committee, Bcx 7906, NCSU Campus (919/515-3086) or Mr. Matthew Ronning, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Research Administration, Box 7514, NCSU Campus (919/513-2148).

PARTICIPATION. You (your child's) participation in this study is voluntary; you or your child may decline to participate without loss of benefits to which he/she is otherwise entitled. If you (your child) withdraw from the study before data collection is completed, your (your child's) data will be returned to you or destroyed.

CONSENT. I have read and understand the above information. I have received a copy of this form. I agree to participate (to allow my child to participate) in this study.

Parent signature _____	Date _____
Youth signature (print and initial) _____	Date _____
Investigator's signature _____	Date _____



**4-H MEDICAL INFORMATION AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT
FOR NC 4-H SPONSORED EVENTS**

4-H'ers Name _____

PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM. THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FOR THE 4-H SPONSORED EVENT BEING ATTENDED.

I. Medical Information

Known allergies to foods, drugs, insect stings or bites, etc.: _____

Special medical concerns or conditions that event supervisors should know about, including contagious illnesses, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, previous injuries to bones/joints, etc.: _____

List special dietary needs: _____

Medications currently being taken (name of medication, dose, and frequency): _____

Family Physician: Name _____ Phone # () _____

Address _____

II. Insurance Information

The 4-H program purchases insurance for youth participants for many sponsored events. In some cases, this coverage will not pay for some medical expenses and it may be necessary to bill the family or your insurance company.

Health Insurance Company _____ Health Insurance
Policy # _____ Company Address

Number () _____ Phone Company Telephone

III.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact _____ [name, office] at _____ [phone number/TTY] during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least _____ [hours/days] prior to the activity.

Signatures Acknowledging Parts I, II, and III

Parent's/Guardian's signature _____ Date: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian telephone #: Home _____ Work _____

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Must be completed each year by 4-H'er and Parent/Guardian. If health history changes within that year, it is the 4-H'er & Parent/Guardian's responsibility for updating information.

Approved as of 3/02/06

IV. Informed Consent

In the event that a participant needs minor medical care from 4-H or more significant medical care from a qualified health care provider, including in rare cases possible hospitalization and/or surgery, the parent/guardian is asked to sign the informed consent form below. In case of serious medical condition, 4-H will make every effort to notify the parents, but the first priority may be providing care to the participant.

Authorization to Consent to Health Care for Minor

I, _____, of _____ County, am the custodial parent having legal custody of _____, a minor child, age _____, born _____. I authorize any adult(s) acting as agents (including official volunteers) or employees of the _____ 4-H program and in whose care the minor child has been entrusted, to do any acts which may be necessary or proper to provide for the health care of the minor child, including, but not limited to, the power (i) to provide for such health care at any hospital or other institution, or the employing of any physician, dentist, nurse, or other person for such health care, and (ii) to consent to and authorize any health care, including administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operations, and other procedures by physicians, dentists, and other medical personnel except the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures.

This consent shall be effective for one year from the date of the execution.

Custodial Parent Signature _____ Date _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared before me the said named, _____, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he (or she) acknowledged that he (or she) executed the same and being duly sworn by me, made oath that the statements in the foregoing instrument are true.

My commission expires _____, 20____.

Notary Public

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

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RUTHERFORD COUNTY EMS, 911 AND TRANSIT RECEIVE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



On June 12, 2014, Rutherford County was notified that they had received three different national achievement awards. Rutherford County had submitted applications on March 31, 2014 for all three projects awarded. The NACo Achievement Awards recognize innovative programs that modernizes county government and increase services to county residents.

From the announcement: "The National Association of Counties (NACo) is pleased to grant Rutherford County three 2014 Achievement Awards for its programs titled "Stuff the Ambulance" in the category of Children and Youth, "911 Public Awareness Campaign" in the category of - Emergency Management and Response, and "Food Pantry Shuttle Service" in the category of - Transportation. Congratulations to everyone involved, who were able to help develop this innovative program! Your hard work will yield positive results for Rutherford County."

The first project awarded was the EMS for the "Stuff the Ambulance" toy drive. It was an idea



Paramedics: Caleb Alberts, Kaleb Johnson, Kayla Wynn, Kristen Oliver, Crystal Suttle, Terry Baynard at the Forest City Christmas Parade.

that was started in October 2013 by a paramedic employee who wanted to give back to the community. Approximately one hundred county employees got involved through promotion, Christmas parades, donations, staffing collection sites and distributing toys to children. EMS partnered with the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Cooperative Extension county office, Wal-Mart, the United Way and the Hickory Nut Gorge Rescue Squad. DSS suggested distributing toys to the foster children they work with on a daily basis. The Cooperative Extension office also had needs from citizens in their support group "Grandparents Raising Grandkids". In just eight short weeks, 2,200 toys were delivered to over 400 foster children and grandchildren being raised

by their grandparents. County employees established a program that could be easily replicated on an annual basis. Teamwork was built between county departments which would normally have not interacted with each other.

"I think that as EMS providers, we often see people only at the worst times of their lives. With this project, it has been a wonderful way for us to change that and bring happiness to the children of our county. By being recognized nationally for this achievement, I hope it will allow other EMS systems to implement their own "Stuff the Ambulance" to help their community." stated paramedic, Roc-Anthony Smith, NREMT-P who was the originator of this project.

The second project awarded was the 911 Cell Phone Public Awareness Campaign. The campaign began in February 2014 with the purpose to inform citizens that it is imperative to

always verify their county and location when calling 911 on their cell phone. Cell phone calls are often directed to another county's 911 Center, based on where the cell tower is located. 911 dispatchers will identify their county when answering a call, but in an emergency the caller may not hear them identify the county. The campaign also stresses that if a citizen is connected to a bordering county's 911 Center, they will be immediately routed to Rutherford County 911 to complete the call. Since starting the campaign in February and March 2014, several counties in North Carolina and South Carolina have picked up the campaign and are using it in their communities as well.



Tammy Aldridge, Director of 911 Communications Center was thrilled with the response from the campaign. *"We are always looking for innovative ways to speed up the dispatching process. Over half our calls are now coming from cell phones and knowing a caller's location is the most valuable piece of information we can receive. We have already provided this public awareness literature to other counties so they can implement the program as well."*

The third and final project that was awarded was for Transit's Grocery Shuttle Service. The driving purpose behind this project was to help people connect to food resources when transportation is a barrier. Rutherford County Transit went outside the scope of traditional public transportation services, by listening to their passengers, and creating a service that meets their passengers' basic needs outside of mere transportation.



Shuttle service is provided every Thursday to the Storehouse Pantry to Rutherford County citizens for free and is funded through the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Rural Operating Assistance Program and the Transit department within Rutherford County's local government. Currently, Transit provides service to approximately eighty families per month to the local food pantry.

Kerry Giles, Transportation Services Director stated *"Rutherford County is extremely blessed to have employees who are constantly observing the needs of our citizens and looking for ways to provide solutions. All three of these projects have strengthened the services we provide every day to our residents. I could not ask for a better team to work with."*

Started in 1970, the annual NACo Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Each application is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received.



If you have a story, event, or photo you want to share with the public, contact Adrienne Wallace to see what resources are available to you to promote your news. 287-6061 Adrienne.wallace@rutherfordcountync.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENT



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39 Years and Counting

Farmers Market Celebrates Grand Opening and Anniversary

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC - The grand opening celebration of the Farmers Market's new location and its 39th Anniversary will be hosted this Saturday, June 21. The day will be packed with music, games, great produce and crafts from the vendors. There's also a few surprises planned that cannot be revealed just yet. Visit the market between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to check out its new home and enjoy fun, food and friendship.

The Farmers Market is also open every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with free transportation provided by the Transit department. All you need to do is schedule an appointment by calling 287-6142. This service is only available on Tuesdays.

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Farmers Market Mission Statement

Provide the agriculture producers a marketing source for locally-grown products that is consumer driven. The Farmer's Market also serves as a participating member of the North Carolina Farmers' Nutrition Program working to improve nutrition of low-income women, infants, and children.

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